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Letter dated 28 May 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement issued on 15 April 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua concerning the decision of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to withdraw from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 71 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Erich VILCHEZ ASHER
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ANNEX

Statement issued on 15 April 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua concerning the decision of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to withdraw from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Nicaragua strongly supports all measures that strengthen international peace and security. In this regard, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons helps to create stability and a climate of confidence and security at both the regional and global levels.

The decision of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to withdraw from the Treaty has elicited various reactions, including a joint declaration by the depositaries of the Treaty. The climate generated by that decision may affect efforts to consolidate stability and peace in the Korean Peninsula and, in particular, efforts to reunite the two Koreas.

This situation is a source of profound concern for the Government of Nicaragua, which hopes that it will be possible to arrive at a satisfactory solution within the framework of international law and, in particular, the principle of the peaceful settlement of disputes, strict compliance with international treaties and international obligations that have been assumed.

Nicaragua, in keeping with its foreign policy in support of demilitarization and the conclusion of agreements to minimize or eliminate weapons of mass destruction, hopes that all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will remain legally bound to that instrument in order to promote efforts to achieve general and complete disarmament in the world.